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In re Application of  
Techernev et al.  
Application No. 10/072,012  
Filed: 31 January, 2002  
For: PROTEINS AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING SAME

Dear Dr. Lepley:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code), and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

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